

Sinclair Broadcasting is using its large presence in the media market to try to influence the US elections. Forcing their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election does not serve the public interest, and does not present unbiased political news. Their refusal to air a program several months ago that read the names of the brave US soldiers who had died in Irag because it was 'too political,' followed by this forced broadcast of an anti-Kerry diatribe, provides clear proof of their biased reporting.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Since it has proven by its actions that it is unwilling to do so, I would strongly recommend that the FCC not renew Sinclair Broadcasting's license.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.